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SUBJ: INTL WHALING COMMISSION: GOJ MEETING WITH DR. WHITE,
MAY 31, 1974

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PASS DR. ROBERT WHITE, ADMINISTRATOR, NOAA, DOC, AND ROBERT
SHONING, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, NOAA

1. REGFISHATT MET WITH YONEZAWA, COUNCILLOR, FISHERIES
AGENCY, MAY 29, TO
DISCUSS MAY 31 MEETING WITH WHITE. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY
REGARDING SUBJECTS WHICH JAPAN WOULD RAISE AT MEETING, YONEZAWA
STATED GOJ PLANS TO RAISE THREE ISSUES. THEY INCLUDE (A)
MORATORIUM, (B) 50 PERCENT MORATORIUM AND (C) THREE OBJECTIONS
RAISED BY JAPAN.

2. ON MORATORIUM ISSUE HE STATED GOJ PLANS TO SEEK CLARIFICATION
OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY NOAA TEAM OF ARON AND FOX. IT WAS JAPANESE
IMPRESSION U.S. WOULD NOT PUSH ISSUE STRONGLY AT MEETING THIS
YEAR AS IT HAS IN THE PAST.

3. REGARDING 50-PERCENT MORATIUUM, JAPANESE SIDE FOUND IT
HARSH. FOR EXAMPLE, IN CASE OF FIN WHALES, THIS WOULD MEAN
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COMPLETE CESSATION OF THAT FISHERY WHICH WOULD BE RATHER DIFFICULT

FOR JAPAN TO ACCEPT.

4. REGARDING THREE OBJECTIONS RAISED BY JAPAN TO IWC'S RECOMMENDATIONS, YONEZAWA STATED GOJ WISHES TO EXPLORE THESE MATTERS FURTHER AND HOPES IT CAN REACH SOME UNDERSTANDING WITH U.S. WHICH CAN FORM BASIS OF REASONABLE COMPROMISE.

5. FYI, YONESAWA PLANS TO STOP IN SEATTLE TO SEE DR. CHAPMAN. HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING OF CHAPMAN'S LATEST ASSESSMENT OF STOCK CONDITIONS OF MINKE AND SEI WHALES. YONEZAWA STRESSED THAT JAPAN WILLING TO RELY ON ESTIMATES DEVELOPED BY CHAPMAN BUT HOPED THAT LARGE DIFFERENCE IN QUOTAS RECOMMENDED BY CHAPMAN (5,000 WHALES) AND BY JAPANESE SCIENTISTS (12,000 WHALES) AT LAST IWC MEETING WOULD BE MUCH CLOSER THIS YEAR.
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